

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000.

The House agreed to H. Res. 279, honoring Hank Aaron as one of the greatest baseball players of all time.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12799–S12860

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1747–1751, and S. Res. 205, and S. Con. Res. 61. **Pages S12834–35**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 976, to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to focus the authority of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on community-based services children and adolescents, to enhance flexibility and accountability, to establish programs for youth treatment, and to respond to crises, especially those related to children and violence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–196) **Page S12834**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12803**

Amending Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12851**

District of Columbia College Access Act: Senate passed H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature

of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12851–53**

Specter (for Thompson) Amendment No. 2317, to permit the Mayor to prioritize the making or amount of tuition and fee payments based on the income and need of eligible students, to include historically Black colleges and universities in the definition of schools eligible to participate in the program. **Page S12853**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building: Senate passed S. 1652, to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building. **Pages S12853–58**

National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 190, designating the week of October 10, 1999, through October 16, 1999, as National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12858**

National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 199, designating the week of October 24, 1999, through October 30, 1999, and the week of October 22, 2000, through October 28, 2000, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S12858**

Specter (for Reed) Amendment No. 2318, to make a technical correction. **Page S12858**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1593, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12799–S12800, S12803**

Pending:
Daschle Amendment No. 2298, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12799–S12800, S12803**

Reid Amendment No. 2299 (to Amendment No. 2298), of a perfecting nature. **Page S12803**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2306 (to the text of the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2298), to allow a State to enact voluntary public financing legislation regarding the election of Federal candidates in such State. **Page S12799**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 330), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Daschle Amendment No. 2298, listed above. **Pages S12799–S12800**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 331), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 2299 (to Amendment No. 2298), listed above. **Page S12803**

Partial Birth Abortion: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1692, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial birth abortions. **Pages S12804–31**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, with a vote on adoption of the pending motion to proceed to occur at 9:50 a.m. **Page S12818**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report relative to the continuation of the emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-66). **Page S12832**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Donna A. Bucella, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years. **Page S12860**

Messages From the President: **Page S12832**

Messages From the House: **Pages S12832–33**

Measures Referred: **Page S12323**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12840–41**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12843–45**

Authority for Committees: **Page S12845**

Additional Statements: **Pages S12845–51**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total-331) **Pages S12800, S12803**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:15 p.m., and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 20, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12858.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATLANTIC FLEET WEAPONS TRAINING FACILITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine future naval operations at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility, and the report on the findings of the Special Panel on Military Operations on Vieques, after receiving testimony from Francis M. Rush, Jr., Chairman, Special Presidential Panel on Military Operations on Vieques; Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Rosello, Carlos Romero-Barceló, Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, Anibal Acevedo-Vila, Minority Leader, Puerto Rican House of Representatives, and Jose Alfredo Hernandez Mayoral, all of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources/Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committees concluded joint oversight hearings on the Department of Energy's implementation of provisions of the Department of Defense Authorization Act which create the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and

reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Lynn Jungwirth, Watershed Research and Training Center, Hayfork, California; Carol Wright, Klamath Forest Alliance, Etna, California; and Gene Sirmon, Mississippi Timber Council, Brandon.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Skila Harris, of Kentucky, and Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., of Mississippi, both to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Gerald V. Poje, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water held hearings to examine how species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) benefit from conservation and mitigation measures required in Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), focusing on negotiation and implementation, appropriateness and adequacy of conservation measures, and the Administration's no surprises policy, receiving testimony from Eric R. Glitzenstein, Meyer and Glitzenstein, on behalf of the Spirit of the Sage Council/Defenders of Wildlife, and Steven P. Quarles, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association, both of Washington, DC; Robert D. Thornton, Nossaman, Guthner, Knox, and Elliott, Irvine, California, on behalf of the Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies; William C. Pauli, California Farm Bureau Federation, Sacramento, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Rudolph Willey, Presley Homes, Martinez, California; Brooke S. Fox, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Castle Rock, Colorado; James E. Moore, Nature Conservancy of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Don Rose, Sempra Energy, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction held hearings on current-law tax provisions that may affect transactions undertaken with respect to the restructuring of the electric power industry, S. 386, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax-exempt bond financing of certain electric facilities, S. 1048 and related provisions of S. 1047, measures to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, related provisions of S. 1429 and H.R. 2488, measures to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, and related provisions of H.R. 2038, to amend section 468A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to deductions for decommissioning costs of nuclear power plants, receiving testimony from Senator Gorton; Representative English; Joseph Mikrut, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Mayor Scott Maddox, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Thomas R. Kuhn, Edison Electric Institute, Washington, DC; Joseph R. Ronan, Jr., Calpine Power Services, San Jose, California; William Mayben, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council; Eric P. Yould, Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Corbin A. McNeill, Jr., PECO Energy Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Utility Decommissioning Tax Group; and William Carlson, Wheelabrator Environmental Systems, Anderson, California, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mary Carlin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, John E. Lange, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, and Michael Edward Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1378 and H.R. 391, bills to

amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purposes of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senator Lincoln; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; John T. Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General

for the Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; Robert Smith, Spero-Smith Investment Advisers, Inc., Beachwood, Ohio, on behalf of the National Small Business United; Jack Gold, Center Industrial and Maintenance Supply Company, Edison, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; and Gary E. Warren, Baltimore County Fire Department, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3099–3110; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72 and H. Con. Res. 199–201, were introduced. Pages H10339–40

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
Supplemental report on H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom and for certain other purposes (H. Rept. 106–394 Pt. 2);

H.R. 1887, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty, amended (H. Rept. 106–397);

Conference report on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–398);

H.R. 754, to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made, amended (H. Rept. 106–399);

H. Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer (H. Rept. 106–400);

H. Res. 335, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–401); and

H. Res. 336, providing for consideration of H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom and for certain other purposes (H. Rept. 106–402).

Pages H10283–H10332, H10339

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Tancredo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10181

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Raphael Gold of Savannah, Georgia. Page H10186

Recess: The House recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H10186

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, October 18, by a yeas and nays vote of 337 yeas to 56 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 509. Pages H10186, H10189–90

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor. Page H10186

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 510. Pages H10196–98

H. Res. 334, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote. Pages H10190–96

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring Hank Aaron: H. Res. 279, amended, congratulating Henry "Hank" Aaron on the 25th anniversary of breaking the Major League Baseball career home run record established by Babe Ruth and recognizing him as one of the greatest baseball players of all time; Pages H10199–H10204

Banking and Housing Agency Accountability Preservation Act: H.R. 3046, amended, to preserve limited Federal agency reporting requirements on

banking and housing matters to facilitate congressional oversight and public accountability;

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Women's Business Center Sustainability Act: H.R. 1497, amended, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program;

Pages H10235–40

Work Incentives Improvement Act: H.R. 1180, amended, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work (passed by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 513); and

Pages H10241–66, H10273–74

Punishing the Depiction of Animal Cruelty: H.R. 1887, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty (passed by a ye and nay vote of 372 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 514).

Pages H10267–73, H10274

Suspension Failed—Providing for Spending Offsets: The House failed to pass H.R. 3085, amended, to provide discretionary spending offsets for fiscal year 2000 by a ye and nay vote of 0 yeas to 419 nays, with 5 voting "present", Roll No. 511.

Pages H10204–31

Motion to Discharge—Financial Freedom Act: The House agreed to table the motion to discharge from the Committee on Ways and Means, H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 512.

Pages H10231–32

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his message concerning the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–146).

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Supplemental Report: The Committee on Education and the Workforce received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2, The Students Results Act.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 333, agreeing to the conference requested by the Senate on the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and

other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Pursuant to the resolution, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to the conference.

Pages H10275–76

Motion to Instruct—Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: The House completed debate on the Upton motion to instruct conferees, on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, to agree to the provisions contained in section 102 of the Senate amendment (relating to repeal of automated entry-exit control system). Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

Pages H10276–83

Conference Report Filed—Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: Under clause 8 of rule 20 and clause 7(c) of rule 22, the filing of H. Rept. 106–398, conference report on H.R. 2670, vitiated the motions to instruct conferees offered by Representatives Coburn and Upton. The Coburn motion was debated on October 18, 1999, and further proceedings were postponed.

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Online Child Protection Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. James Schmidt of California, Mr. George Vrandenburg of Virginia, and Mr. Larry Shapiro of California to the Online Child Protection Commission.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H10276.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10340–70.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10189–90, H10198, H10231, H10232, H10273–74, and H10274. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE FUELS AND CHEMICALS ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing on H.R. 2827, National Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from

Representative Udall of Colorado; I.M. Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

KOSOVO—LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on lessons learned from the Kosovo conflict—the effect of the operation on both deployed/non-deployed forces and on future modernization plans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Larry R. Ellis, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Plans), Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments), Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Air and Space Operations), Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

BLOOD SAFETY AND AVAILABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings on Blood Safety and Availability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE—IMPROVING CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Improving Care at the End of Life with Complementary Medicine. Testimony was heard from Thomas V. Holohan, Chief, Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kathy Buto, Deputy Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration; and Patricia Grady, Director, National Institute for Nursing Research, NIH; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted motions urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 102, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict; H. Con. Res. 188, commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to

each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief; H. Con. Res. 46, urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuse in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict; and H. Con. Res. 20, concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia.

The Subcommittee also concluded hearings on U.S. Policy Toward Russia, Part III: Administration Views. Testimony was heard from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began mark up of H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999. Will continue October 25.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1680, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; H.R. 1969, Arizona National Forest Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 3089, to provide for a comprehensive scientific review of the current conservation status of the northern spotted owl as a result of implementation of the President's Northwest Forest Plan, which is a national strategy for the recovery of the species on public forest lands. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomas; and Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2795, Shivwits Plateau National Conservation Area Establishment Act; and H.R. 3935, Utah National Parks and Public Lands Wilderness Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shadegg, Stump, Cook and Hinchey; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Michael Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah; W. Hays Gilstrap, Commissioner, Game and Fish Department, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

STUDENTS RESULTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 2, Students Result Act of 1999, providing ninety minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule

makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment process shall not exceed 6 hours. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the *Congressional Record*. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the *Congressional Record* may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides that amendment number 5 printed in the *Congressional Record* shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives Castle, Clay, Kildee, Payne, Mink of Hawaii, and Woolsey.

CONFERENCE REPORT—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers and Serrano.

PLANT GENOME SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research concluded hearings on Plant Genome Science: From the Lab to the Field to the Market, Part III. Testimony was heard from Sally L. McCammon, Science Advisor, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Janet L. Andersen, Director, Bio-Pesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA; James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE'S REGULATIONS—COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCIES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hear-

ing on the U.S. Postal Service's regulations regarding Commercial Mail Receiving Agencies (CMRAs). Testimony was heard from Tony Crawford, Inspector, Mid-Atlantic Division, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—COLOMBIA; INTELLIGENCE ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Colombia: Intelligence Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

UZBEKISTAN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Monday, October 18, Commission concluded hearings on the state of democratization and human rights in Uzbekistan, after receiving testimony from John Beyrle, Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large/Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Sodyq Safaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Cassandra Cavanaugh, Human Rights Watch, Helsinki, New York, New York; Paul Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, and Abdurahim Polat, Birlik Party, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lawrence Uzzell, Keston Institute, Moscow, Russia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on the efforts of the military services in implementing joint experimentation, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the use of performance enhancing drugs in Olympic competition, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 1167, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel; S. 1694, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii; S. 1612, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska; S. 1474, providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of

Texas; S. 1697, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982; S. 1178, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the Oahe Irrigation Project, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission; and S. 1723, to establish a program to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design, and construct facilities to mitigate impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to markup on the proposed Tax Extenders and the Balanced Budget Adjustments Act, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "the Treaty"), signed at Washington on June 9, 1998 (Treaty Doc.106-02), 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act in the 21st Century, focusing on Indian reservation roads; to be followed by a business meeting on pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on the Justice Department's role and the FALN, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the Administration's preparations for the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research, joint hearing on the threat to U.S. forces posed by the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy security issues, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 1954, Rental Fairness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the National Archives and Records Administration, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Assessing the Threat, 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Inter-country Adoption: Implementation of the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Regional Security in South Asia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on Competitive Issues in Agriculture and the Food Marketing Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1692, Partial Birth Abortion, with a vote on adoption of the pending motion to proceed to occur at 9:50 a.m. Senate will consider any appropriations conference reports when available.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2670, Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report, 2000 (rule waiving all points of order); and Consideration of H.R. 2, the Students Results Act (modified open rule, 90 minute of general debate).

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